Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Has any member of this House belonging to the Scheduled Castes expressed a desire to serve on the Public Service Commission ?

(No Answer.)

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—What should we do to make you think that a Depressed Class Member is necessary on the Public Service Commission ? (*Laughter.*)

(No reply.)

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1 P.M.

Proposed steps for Karnatak unification.

Q.—42. Sri K. S. VASAN (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the steps they propose to take in the matter of Karnatak unification ?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

They propose to consult the Legislature at the appropriate time.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—What is the attitude of this Government to the issue of linguistic provinces and unification of Karnataka ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The Government have not come to any opinion in the matter.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Is it not proper now to consider this issue and take a definite stand ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—That is why I have said that we propose to consult the Legislature at the appropriate time.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Have this Government represented to the Centre for merging all the Kannada speaking territory contiguous to Mysore with it as a first step towards the unification of Karnataka ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The Government of Mysore have made no such representation to the Government of India.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Are not the Government aware of a kind of agitation among the people on this issue ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Yes.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The next question which relates to the same subject may also be taken up.

Opinions expressed by the Chief Minister on unification of Karnataka.

Q.—60. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Chief Minister visited recently Mangalore, Coorg and other parts of the Karnataka areas of Bombay and Madras States ;

(*b*) the object of his visit to those areas ;

(*c*) whether he has given an opinion in favour of the unification of Karnataka as the opinion of the Mysore Government and that of the people of the State of Mysore ?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) The Chief Minister of Mysore visited parts of Coorg State and South Canara District.

(*b*) On invitation as also to discuss outstanding question between the Mysore Government and the Coorg Government, and the Supply of power to South Kanara District and to inaugurate the 43rd Madras State Educational Conference.

(*c*) Chief Minister has expressed his personal opinion.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—You have stated that you have expressed your personal opinion. May I know how to demarcate between your personal opinion and the official opinion ? Can you make a statement as Chief Minister of Mysore ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I do not know whether it is a question which wants information.